PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

THIRD ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION 1944/1120.

Saturday, the 19th August 1944/4th Chingam 1120.

The Assembly met again in the Legislative Chamber, Public Offices, at 12 Noon with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, Dewan-President, in the Chair.

NEW MEMBER.

Rajyasevapravina K. P. Padmanabha Menon, Electrical Engineer to Government, took the oath and signed the Rolls.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Travancoreans on active war service.

57. *MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Travancoreans now on active war service?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The number up to the end of July 1944 is approximately estimated to be 70,000.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether there is any officer appointed to look after the welfare of the families of these people who have gone on active service?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Yes, Sir. There is a State Welfare Officer to look into the affairs of these people.

Persons recruited for Military service and the Assam Labour Force.

58. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many persons have been recruited from Travancore for military service and for the Assam Labour Force respectively?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The numbers up to the end of July 1944 are approximately estimated to be:—

Military Service	...	70,000
Assam Labour Force	...	53,550

MR. K. A. MAHOMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know whether the Government are directly responsible for the recruitment of these persons?

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RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, Sir, there are other recruiting agencies specially appointed for this purpose.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN. (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether Travancoreans are recruited to the Cochin Labour Corps?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: It appears that some Travancoreans have joined the Cochin Labour Force.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know whether, in view of the possibility of a greater part of the force returning early and the consequent demobilisation, any definite scheme has been prepared for rehabilitating these peoples?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The matter is under the active consideration of Government, Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any definite scheme for that?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Schemes for that purpose are in view.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Since the Dewan President's advertance to this problem in his speech in 1119, may I know the steps that have been taken to implement it?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The Dewan referred to the matter and said that the matter is under active consideration.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether any definite scheme has been prepared in the matter?

PRESIDENT: Last year, the President announced that the matter was under active consideration. The consideration has been practically completed. One of the measures taken by Government for the purpose of rehabilitating these men when they return is to see that till such time no person here gets any registry of land which will stand in the way of land being made available to these returned military men on a basis of lease. One of the main objects underlying Government's prohibition against puduval registries and against registration of encroached lands in favour of the encroachers is to give help to these persons. That is the first step and it has been taken. The second is to set apart a fairly large extent of land which will be placed at the disposal of returning military and labour corps personnel for the purpose of embarking on agricultural enterprises.

War Recruitment.

59. ***MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of persons recruited for the war; and

(*b*) the number of persons recruited for Assam Labour?

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